

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 29-31, as follows:

Preferably, according to the invention, said band is wound, the outer surface of the support band being preferably refractory to the glue.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8, lines 3-7, with the following:

On the continuous band 201, at the end of the glue zone 202, a zone 205 without glue is provided, for the subsequent removal of the silicone material band, followed by a zone 206 serving to reveal, by apparatus or visually, the end of a band section and the beginning of the following one to be applied on another sheet 203.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8 and 9, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

2. (twice amended) The sheet according to claim 1, having an adhesive strip and a releasably placed silicone band on both surfaces of the sheet.

7. (twice amended) A method for irreversibly binding a plurality of sheets together, comprising:

(i) superimposing a sheet having an adhesive strip comprising an adhesive element selected from the group consisting of a glue and a two-sided tape, wherein the tape is adhesive on both surfaces, along at least one of its edges, and a silicone material band, releasably placed on said glue or adhesive tape strip and having at least a portion not coupled to said glue or adhesive tape strip, such that the uncoupled portion may be used to grasp the silicone band during its removal over a second sheet;

(ii) grasping the uncoupled portion of the silicone band; and

(iii) pulling the uncoupled portion of the silicone band so as to uncover the glue or adhesive tape strip and bind the two sheets together.